

REMARKS

Requirement for Restriction:

In the Office Action under reply, restriction has been required between the following eleven claim groups:

- (1) Claims 1-14, 41-49;
- (2) Claims 15-34, 36-38, 58-60, 62-65, 77, 79-81;
- (3) Claims 35, 50-57, 78;
- (4) Claims 39, 82, 108, 110;
- (5) Claims 40 and 91-92;
- (6) Claims 66-76;
- (7) Claims 83-90, 109 and 111;
- (8) Claims 93-95, 104, 105, 112, 113;
- (9) Claims 97-100, 103;
- (10) Claims 101-102; and
- (11) Claim 107.

In response, applicants elect Group (1), claims 1-14 and 41-49, without traverse.

Applicants note that, in accordance with page 3 of the Action, in the event that claims from Group (1) are found allowable, the claims of Group (2) will be rejoined therewith to the extent that the Group (2) claims include the limitations of the Group (1) claims. The wording of claims 61, 96, 106, and 114-115 (currently not grouped) will be clarified in the event that these claims are rejoined.

Requirement for Election of Species:

In response to the requirement for election of species, applicants elect the species defined by formula (I), wherein Y is gelatin, L is -CH₂CH₂-, and Q is SH. This species is shown in Figure 7, and synthetic preparation of the species is described on page 47 of the specification.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning this communication, or wish to discuss the application as search and examination are initiated, he is welcome to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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